



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: MAYOR'S 2013 BIENNIAL ETHICS REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS **DATE:** August 8, 2013

Approved

Chuck Reed

Date

8/8/13

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEMO

To add the following recommendation to the Mayor's Biennial Ethics Review Rules Committee memorandum dated August 1, 2013.

5. Direct the City Attorney to clarify the ability for City Councilmembers to establish legal defense funds to defend themselves against administrative or legal proceedings.

BACKGROUND

There is uncertainty whether the blackout period on fundraising applies to the establishment of legal defense funds. Restricting legal defense funds could leave Councilmembers without the ability to defend themselves and create constitutionality issues.